1	2	3	4
6	Goa		0.999
7	Haryana		13.301
8	Himachal Pradesh	11.482	9
9	Jammu and Kashmir	20	10
10	Jharkhand		4.032
11	Kerala	96.364	15
12	Madhya Pradesh		119
13	Karnataka	52.989	
14	Maharashtra		249.098
15	Manipur	0.461	
16	Meghalaya		0.218
17	Nagaland		4.627
18	Orissa	64.142	16.407
19	Punjab		69.318
20	Rajasthan		100
21	Sikkim		0.255
22	Tamil Nadu	73.745	11.217
23	Tripura	5.995	2.638
24	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.301	
25	Pondicherry	2.353	
26	Uttar Pradesh	17.647	30
27	Uttarakhand	4.195	5.234
28	West Bengal	295.024	
29	Daman and Diu	0.04	
30	Andaman and Nicobar Islands		2.4
31	Chandigarh	0.225	0.450
	TOTAL	967.186	759.627

Implementation of MSP

†1295. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether it is a fact that an intensive study has been conducted regarding implementation of minimum support price system by National Centre for Agriculture Economic and Policy Research;

(b) if so, the report of study conducted by the said institute; and

(c) the system in place for Government procurement after Minimum Support Price is announced by the Governments and the names of crops that were procured under the said system during the year 2007-08 and the percentage of this procurement out of the total production of that crop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No such study has been conducted by National Centre for Agriculture Economic and Policy Research for Department of Food and Public Distribution.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Under the existing policy, the Central Government extends price support to foodgrains through the Government agencies (Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies). Foodgrains conforming to the prescribed specifications offered for sale at specified centres are bought by the public procurement agencies. The farmers have the option to sell their produce either to FCI/State Agencies at Minimum Support Price (MSP), or to the private parties, as is advantageous to them. The Department of Food & Public Distribution procures wheat, rice and coarsegrains through the MSP operations. The percentage of procurement *vis a vis* production in 2007-08 for the above crop is as follows:

(in lakh tonnes)

Crop	Production	Procurement	Percentage
Wheat	784.0	226.29*	28.86
Rice	964.30	285.02	29.56
Jowar	77.8	0.01	0.01
Bajra	97.90	1.24	1.26
Maize	193.10	0.6	0.31
Ragi	21.30	0.11	0.52
Barley	12.30	-	-

* Procurement of wheat of crop year 2007-08 was done in Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09.

Selling of wheat in open market

†1296. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER APFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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